GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2917
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000
SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST WOMEN
VAIKO

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether sexual offences against the women are increasing;

(b) whether large number of cases relating to sexual offences are lying pending and awaiting adjudication;

(c) if so, whether it is proposed to set up special courts to deal with such cases and especially offences against the dalits and tribal women; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The statistical data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau on the reported incidence of sexual offences against women and on disposal of such crimes by the courts during the years 1996 to 1998 is given in the Statement annexed.

(c)&(d) The administration of justice in the District/Subordinate Courts comes under the purview of the concerned State Governments and High Courts. It is the prerogative of the State Governments/High Courts to set up special courts. However, the Government of India has advised all the State Governments to set up special women courts in each district to decide the cases of crime against women.

Statement referred to in the reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2917 for 14-3-2000 by Shri Vaiko regarding Sexual Offences against Women

Sl. No.	Nature of offence	No.of incidence reported during the years			Total No. of cases for trial including pending cases			Number of cases pending trial at the end of year		
		1996	1997	1998	1996	1997	1998	1996	1997	1998
1	Rape	14846	15330	15151	51734	55863	58861	43016	45955	48884
2	Molestation	28939	30764	30959	92398	100654	105428	72539	78200	85176
3	Sexual harassment (eve-teasing)	5671	5796	8054	13327	14130	16927	8656	9437	12435
4	Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act	7706	8323	8695	13407	12660	14308	4799	5505	6127
5	Indecent	96	73	190	625	578	625	500	499	538

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